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AMEMBASSY RABAT

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SUBJ: POSSIBLE "REPROGRAM" OF REGIONAL FISHERIES ATTACHE  
POSITION IN AFRICA

REF: CASABLANCA 886

1. REPROGRAMMING RFA POSITION TO WASHINGTON D.C.  
IN RFA'S PERSONAL VIEW, COULD HAVE CERTAIN BUDGETARY  
ADVANTAGES, BUT FEW IF ANY ECONOMIC, COMMERCIAL,  
POLITICAL, OR SCIENTIFIC ADVANTAGES. IN FACT, IN TERMS  
OF THESE ECONOMIC, COMMERCIAL, POLITICAL AND SCIENTIFIC  
ELEMENTS, WHICH PROVIDE RATIONALE FOR EXISTENCE OF  
ATTACHE POSITION, RFA PERSONAL VIEW IS THAT DISTINCT  
DISADVANTAGES WOULD RESULT FROM PROPOSED REPROGRAMMING  
OF POSITION.

2. RFA POSITION IN CASABLANCA WAS NEGOTIATED BY OFFICES  
IN THE DEPARTMENT AND BY AGENCIES WITHIN THE DEPARTMENT  
OF COMMERCE. VALUE JUDGEMENTS OF RFA PROGRAM SHOULD  
LEGITIMATELY BE ADDRESSED TO THESE APPROPRIATE OFFICES  
FOR REPLY, AS SHOULD ANY QUESTIONS CONCERNING POSSIBLE  
CHANGES IN PROGRAM AS PRESENTLY STRUCTURED.

3. POST WILL RECALL RFA ARRIVAL ON MARCH 7, 1975 AND  
THAT PERMANENT HOUSING WAS NOT AVAILABLE UNTIL MID-JUNE.

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NO TRAVEL WAS UNDERTAKEN DURING THAT TIME.

DURING FIVE MONTH PERIOD WHICH FOLLOWED RFA HAS SPENT 2 MONTHS ON TRAVEL STATUS INCLUDING TRIPS TO: CANARY ISLANDS, ITALY, KENYA, MADAGASCAR, MAURITANIA, SENEGAL, SPAIN AND THE UNITED STATES.

4. RFA HAS NO BUDGET DATA ON COST OF MAINTAINING POST AT AN OVERSEAS POST VIS-A-VIS WASHINGTON D.C.

5. RFA ASSUMES CERTAIN BUDGETARY SAVINGS WOULD ACCRUE FROM A TRANSFER OF OPERATIONS TO WASHDC. IF, FOR EXAMPLE, TOTAL NUMBER OF ATTACHES IN RFA PROGRAM COULD BE SIGNIFICANTLY EXPANDED BECAUSE OF SAVINGS MADE IN MOVE, THEN SUCH AN ACTION MIGHT JUSTIFY A TRANSFER OF RFA FUNCTIONS TO WASHDC.

6. THE DECISION TO EXAMINE THIS AND/OR OTHER POSSIBLE BENEFITS DUE TO ANY PROGRAM CHANGES RESTS, HOWEVER, SOLELY WITH THE DEPARTMENT IN CONSULTATION WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE.

7. NOTE: RFA PRESENTLY HEAVILY INVOLVED IN ICCAT TUNA MEETING IN MADRID AND DUE LAST MINUTE ARRIVAL OF REFTEL, IMMEDIATE REPLY DATE, UNABLE TO PROVIDE COMPREHENSIVE ANALYSIS OF RFA PROGRAM IN AFRICA AS REQUESTED. UPON RETURN TO POST RFA WOULD BE WILLING TO PROVIDE MORE DETAILED OBSERVATIONS.  
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NOTE BY OC/T: REF: CASABLANCA 886 APPARENTLY NOT SENT STATE.

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